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In re patent application of Wier et al.

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For **"METHOD FOR MEASUREMENT OF LYMPHOCYTE FUNCTION"**

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.112

Sir:

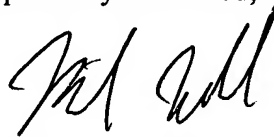
In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, attached is a Terminal Disclaimer document which references U.S. Patent 5,773,232 together with the requisite fee. The Terminal Disclaimer addresses the only outstanding issue in the case, and should place the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance. If any additional fees are required to gain entry of this response and the Terminal Disclaimer, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis, Christofferson & Cook).

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 33 and 35-46 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-787-9400 (fax: 703-787-7557; email: ruth@wcc-ip.com) to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

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